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To the 8th Department.

[2 groups unrecovered] information MOUNTAINEER [SECRET] }¹

[40 groups unrecovered]
[27 groups unrecoverable]

1. In consequence [1 group unrecovered] there exists apparently considerable tension in relations between the Air force [WVS][c] and the Army. Note: We take it that [S] what is meant is] not the OKW [OKW][b] but the OKH [OKH][c].

2. Recently signs have been observed of German pressure on Hungary as the Germans are very discontented in consequence of the Finnish business. KALLAY's position in the last few months has been very unstable as a consequence of pressure from the Germans and Hungarian Nazis. KALLAY would have been replaced by a more progressive government if HORTHY had not given him the support of his authority.

3. HITLER's remark, "I would rather let the Russians into BERLIN than the British and Americans into ROME", was made in the presence of an intimate friend of the Hungarian Minister in BERLIN (he is not mentioned by name).

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Distribution

4. At HIMMLER's last conference with the Gauleiters the latter were given wide personal administrative powers, as in consequence of the bombing BERLIN and the majority of the big cities have lost importance [1 group unrecovered].

5. Unrest in Austria is so serious that the Germans for their part have taken military steps to suppress the risings. *For Austria and Tyrol, Austria & Salzburg were organized & threatened*
[15 groups unrecovered]

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VALERIAN (2)

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- T.N.: [a] VVS: ^{OK} ~~VOENNO-VOZDUSHNYYE SILE~~ = Military Air Force.
[b] OKW: Oberkommando der Wehrmacht = High Command of the Armed Forces.
[c] OKH: Oberkommando des Heeres = High Command of the Army.
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Comments: (1) MOUNTAINERS:

- (1) KALLAY: Dr. Miklos KALLAY, former and present
Minister of Hungary
(2) HORTHY: Admiral Miklos HORTHY, Regent of Hungary
(3) VALERIAN: Vasily Fedorovich BAZIN, 1st Secretary of
the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM